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Jordan beefing up his defense of Trump

By Jessica Wehrman
The Columbus Dispatch

WASHINGTON — Rep. Jim Jordan has emerged as a top defender of President Donald Trump during the Justice Department's Russia investigation, leading some to wonder whether the GOP insurgent known for causing heartburn to the party establishment has become a surrogate for the new establishment.

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MLK HOLIDAY / OHIO

Racial gaps persist after King's gains

By Marty Schladen
The Columbus Dispatch

Communities across Ohio on Monday will celebrate the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work to bring dignity and equal rights to all Americans. But now, half a century since King was assassinated, blacks in Ohio are, in many fundamental ways, lagging far behind.

Consider:

■ Median household income for black Ohioans increased 14 percent between 2010 and 2016, to \$31,035.

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Book ambassador



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Homeless boy immerses self in reading to focus on the positive

By Rita Price | The Columbus Dispatch

No book stays at the top of his list for long. Mackintosh Williams, also known as “Sci Fi Guy,” reads at a pace too furious for him to maintain anything more than a fleeting ranking of best-loved stories.

“I don’t really have favorites, because there’s always something new,” he said.

Instead, the 11-year-old writes reviews and recommendations, the latest of which sit on a shelf in the children’s area of the Columbus Metropolitan Library’s main site Downtown. Library employees made several copies of the “Official Sci Fi Guy

Suggestions by Mackintosh Williams” and happily gave him the green light to arrange a display of books from his beloved science-fiction genre.

“A lot of kids will talk about books, but he’s like an ambassador of books,” said

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Above: Mackintosh Williams shows some of the books he has in the room he shares with his mother at the YMCA's Van Buren Shelter on the West Side. The two arrived homeless from New York City on a bus last month. The 11-year-old science-fiction fan writes book reviews and recommendations.

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